



St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2020

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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
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Cemetery Information

John Consugar (570)-449-1675
St. John's Rectory (570)-622-5470

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday prior to publication.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

Office of Safe Environment
Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the second reading for this Sunday St. Paul writes to the Romans about the inscrutable judgments and unsearchable ways of God. He says, "For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things." In this Sunday's gospel, Peter answers Jesus' question saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus blesses Peter and proclaims him as the rock upon him He will build His church.

We are reminded from these readings that God is the ultimate authority. It is God who gives all, who creates all, and from whom all exists. Let us then through prayers and deeds humbly and confidently acknowledge Jesus as the Son of the Living God.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 24 – 9:00 a.m.

ED GRIEGLE (Jim & Kate Blackwell)

Tuesday, August 25 – 9:00 a.m.

ROBERT McCAFFREY (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday, August 26 - 9:00 a.m.

MARIE SPERGER (Matthew Kuna)

Thursday – August 27 – 9:00 a.m.

BETH THOMAS RESNECK

(Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Friday, August 28 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH WOLLYUNG (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Saturday – August 29 – 5:00 p.m.

JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ

(John & Barbara Powers)

Sunday, August 30 – 8:15 a.m.

PHILOMENA LOEPER (John & Joyce Gerace)

Sunday, August 30– 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPH BRAHLER (Marianne Leal)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Barbara Mary Kenny Schmidt
by Barbara Fox

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Sanctuary

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2. IMO Pauline Zanis by Carl & Toni Wiest
3. IMO David Zanis by Carl & Toni Wiest
4. IMO Anthony Zanis by Carl & Toni Wiest

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Eve & Ray Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What image of God's Kingdom speaks to you?

Next Week's Readings

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 29/30)

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Reading II: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, **622-5470**, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: *Connor Satterwhite, Anthony Gaburick Sr.*

Deceased: *Dorothy Parsick*

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to keep in touch with our Seminarians

... **Bobby Rienzo** and **Matthew Kuna** ...
their address is as follows:

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 E. Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, Pa. 19096

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 15/16: \$ 4,355.98

Assumption: \$790.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving
by dropping envelopes at the rectory,
by mail and online giving.*

FAMILY MATTERS

Children Who Have Lost Family Members – Parents, Grandparents, Siblings. Children grieve too. Sometimes, in our own grief we forget this. May God provide us with the right words and warm hugs needed to comfort these children.

You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

September 2020

... Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...

Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Garden Flags	Toys / Games
Puzzles	Vintage Items	Jewelry
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	CD's, DVD's
Small Appliances		Bakeware
Fall / Halloween / Thanksgiving Decorations		
Laptop Computers in working condition		

CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC

NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS

NO GLASSES OR CUPS

NO TELEVISIONS

NO DESKTOP COMPUTERS

NO MONITORS OR KEYBOARDS

NO BOOKS --- NO VASES --- NO CLOTHING

NO LARGE FURNITURE

NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS

NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES



ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, August 29th ----- 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at St. John's Russell Bldg.

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED
BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.**

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CCD REGISTRATION

If you have not received a form in the mail, please call the rectory or pick one up in church. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter form is for students who are presently attending class.

Registration Fee: \$60.00 First Child

All Other Children: \$55.00 per Child

CCD PROGRAM

Teachers Needed

First Grade Teacher

Fourth Grade Teacher

for the 2020-2021 school year.

No experience necessary, just a desire to pass on our faith to our youth. All volunteers must have all required clearances including Protecting God's Children. For more information, call **Lucilla Kochol at the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 5.**



NEIGHBORING EVENTS

FOOD SALE & BASKET AUCTION sponsored by St. Mary's Church in Ringtown on **Saturday, September 5th** at 82 N. Center St., Ringtown. Eat in or Take out. CDC guidelines will be followed.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will **NOT** be a meeting in August
- The Kauffman Chicken BBQ is cancelled.
- 2020 Dues are now due

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16th** at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

August 2020

IMO Carl Bartholomew	IMO Clare & Linda Houser
IMO Harold Bartholomew	IMO Philomena Loeper
IMO Robert Berger	IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Edward Christ	Dorothy Parsick
Mildred A. Fredericks	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
IMO Joanne Hepler	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

What is a Bulletin Booster?? Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster**

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